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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Services

9:00am Praise Service

11:00am Traditional Service

Visit us online to watch us live at
plantationumc.org/liveworship

Worship Ideas

If you have an idea for a fun and new way to worship, we'd love to hear it! Please email your ideas to communications@pumc.net. We will gather all your great ideas and come back with fresh and vibrant worship plans as we go into the holiday season!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27th. If you have an emergency, please call Pastor Marta at (305)-975-2032



A WORD FROM PASTOR MARTA

Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe that Christmas is upon us and we are headed into 2022. I wonder if another Christmas and another year will pass by before we stop and see how our future will be shaped by how God is calling us to live out our lives. Nelson Mandela said, "It always seems impossible until it is done."

I've read that, "Your attitude determines your altitude." I believe that the world reflects back to us the very attitude that we project. Every year we are told to go to the doctor to get an annual check-up to keep us healthy. A couple of times a year we make dental appointments to make sure that our teeth are healthy. I think there is one more place that we need to add to our appointments, and that is an attitude check up. Our attitude is something that we may need to look at daily.

Pastor Michael Sloan put it this way,

"So many times, we are quick to judge those around us. But we also need to be able to look in the mirror and do some self-reflection and self-introspection. It is imperative that you and I as Christ-followers display to the world a good positive attitude. Patti LaBelle in her song entitled 'A New Attitude' captures in the word 'I'm feeling good from my head to my shoes, know where I'm going and I know what to do... I have a new attitude.'"

With the birth of Christ, we are given a new way to live and a new attitude for life as individuals and a family of God. We need to remember in this advent season, Christmas and New Year, with God, all things are possible!

Grace and peace, Pastor Marta

District Church Office News

The district office will be closed Dec 22-24 and the 27th-31st. On January 25th, our District Superintendent will be holding a training for members of their churches' Staff Parish Relations Committees.

Finance Update

The Finance Committee and Church Leaders thank all of you again for your continued dedication and support in the last ten months of 2021. We continue to pay all our monthly bills in full, such as the mortgage, apportionments and insurance. This is the latest update:

- As of October 2021, our total giving was \$36,594 higher than what we had budgeted. This is very good news.
- Non-Pledged giving continues to trend upwards.
- The Finance Committee has produced a Mid-Year Operating Budget that takes into consideration the giving trends in the first half of 2021 and has also revised expense budget numbers. As a result, we now have a BALANCED Mid-Year Operating Budget for the rest of the year.
- At our October 24th Charge Conference, the congregation approved the formation of a PUMC Endowment Fund. At the November 8th Special Charge Conference, the new members of the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee were approved by the congregation. Thank you so much for all your support.
- At the November 8th Special Charge Conference, the congregation approved to proceed with the restructuring (refinancing) of our existing mortgage loan. This will result in a savings of at least \$53,000 per year in the Annual Operating Budget.

Thank you so much for all your support. If you have any questions, comments, or recommendations please contact Al Gonzalez (Finance Chair), Julie Bouwens (Financial Administrator) or Pastor Marta.

Youth Group Update

Our youth group is still going strong in this time of transition and change! Join us for dinner and real talk on Sunday nights at 5pm!

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Our "White Elephant" gift exchange and celebration will be on December 19th. Don't miss a night filled with fun, food and fellowship!

Rock the Universe 2022

Universal Studios Orlando, FL // January 28-29th 2022 // Cost coming soon!

All 6th-12th grade students & friends!

This is an event that the whole family can enjoy!

Christian concerts, awesome friends, and theme park rides!?

Sounds like an amazing mix! Join us for our annual trip.

Featuring some of the best Christian music rock, pop, rap, and worship artists! Your cost provides, ticket, travel, and lodging.



Generosity Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their 2022 All In Commitment cards. Commitment Sunday was Nov. 20th and I am sure we missed some of you since it was a good day to stay home and Zoom our worship service. We are still collecting Commitment cards so please either mail and drop them off at the church office. We need your financial support so our church can grow and be ALL IN for Christ!

Children's Nativity and Petting Zoo!

Saturday, December 11th, 4:30-7:00pm

Join us for this long-standing Christmas tradition at PUMC! Our children dress in costume as we hear the Nativity story and sing carols on the front lawn of the church. From 4:30 to 6:00 we'll enjoy a petting zoo, pony rides, and Christmas crafts. The Nativity will start at 6:00pm, followed by hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Bring a lawn chair and flashlight. No registration required to attend this year! Children who wish to be in the Nativity need to contact Pastor Kathy by December 5th.

Family Christmas Eve!

Friday, December 24th, 5:00pm

Celebrate the special night with your family at this family-focused service. All kids will participate in our "Brown Bag Christmas Pageant." As we share in heart-warming music and glowing candlelight, your kids will experience Christ at the center of their Christmas Eve.

Sunday School Update!

In-Person & Virtual, 9:00am

Build a solid foundation of faith for your child by participating in our weekly Sunday School lessons. In Sunday School, the kids learn truths about God through an engaging Bible story and videos. Most importantly, they experience the love and welcome of Christ through their Sunday School teachers. Contact Pastor Kathy with any questions or for Zoom access.

Sit Together Sundays!

December 19th & 26th

Sit Together Sundays are a chance for your family to stay together in the Sanctuary for the entirety of the service. It teaches our kids how to worship by watching the adults around them. We'll have Sit Together Sundays on December 19th for our special Christmas Music Celebration, as well as December 26th for the Sunday after Christmas.

"Night of the Father's Love": A Christmas Music Celebration

Sunday, December 19th // 9:00 & 11:00am Services

Join our Chancel Choir, Chapel Bells, Children & Youth Choirs for a special musical celebration! We'll celebrate with our new cantata, "Night of the Father's Love," through heart-warming carols you know and love, and new music that sends your imaginations soaring. The musical celebration will take place during the 9:00 and 11:00 services (services will be identical). Nursery available for ages 5 & under.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Youth Choir (6th-12th Grade)

Our Youth Choir is rebuilding! All middle and high school students are invited to join us as we learn to sing in 3-part harmony. We'll be going to Music Camp in June! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, 3:30-4:20 in the Choir Room.

Resonate!

Our Children's Choirs are also rebuilding, and we hope to put together a musical this spring! All children are invited to join us as we make music together:

- 1st-6th Grade – Sundays, 4:30-5:30, Room 309
- VPK-Kinder – Sundays, 4:30-5:00, Choir Room

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Choir Room

We sing all types of music and have a lot of fun doing it! No auditions or experience necessary. All adults welcomed who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Chapel Bells

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Rm 309

We continue to develop our ringing skills! New and experienced ringers invited, must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Basic knowledge of written music helpful.



Join us throughout the advent season for a jam-packed schedule of events! Below is a list of the major events and their starting times. For more information, you can go to our website www.plantationumc.org/advent2021

CARIBBEAN CHORALE: DEC. 5TH 6PM

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24th

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 5PM

CHILDRENS LIVE NATIVITY AND

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: 7:30PM

PETTING ZOO: DEC 11TH 4:30PM-7PM

CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION: 10PM

“NIGHT OF THE FATHER’S LOVE”:

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE: DECEMBER 31ST

A CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION - DEC. 19

11PM

Celebrate the Old and Envisioning the Future

As we go into 2022, we want to invite everyone together to brainstorm the future! Join us for an important Town Hall, on January 9th right after church service. Lunch will be catered and available for reservation with 10 dollars for adults and 5 dollars for kids! Come get excited for all the great possibilities we can plan and the growth we can accomplish in the next year!

You may also get a first look at the plans for the church’s next pictorial directory!